FARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of 14th February, 1986 wherein it has been stated that a patient died in the Moolchand Kharatiram Hospital, New Delhi due to the negligence of hospital authorities ;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against doctors responsible for the death of the patient?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An inquiry was conducted by the Hospital which established that there was no case of negligence or impolite behaviour on the part of doctors or by other staff in the Casualty Department. This hospital is run by a Charitable Trust and is not controlled by the Government.

Accident at the Thikiro Ki Baori Station

1692. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) wheather Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Times of India' of the 18th February, 1986 to the effect that twenty persons were injured when a shuttle train rammed into another train at Thikiro Ki Baori Station near Jaipur on the 17th February, 1986;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted;

(c) whether any compensation has been paid to the injured persons; and

(d) what action is being taken or proposed to be taken by Government against persons responsible for this accident ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Ex-gratia payment of Rs. 250 to each of the five (5) passengers who suffered minor injuries, was made. Rest had only trivial injuries.

(d) The Assistant Station Master and two Pointmen, found primarily responsible for the accident, have been placed under suspension. Secondary responsibility has been fixed on the Driver of 233 up Fast Passenger. Action for imposition of major penalty against them has been initiated.

By-Passes on National Highway No. 7

1693. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many by-passes were laid on National Highway No. 7 during the sixth plan period;

(b) how many more by-passes are proposed to be laid; and

(c) how many by-passes are expected to be constructed during the seventh plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Three by passes have been completed on National Highway No. 7 during the Sixth Plan.

(b) and (c) Eleven bye-passes on National Highway No. 7 are pro-

posed to be included in the Seventh Five-Year Plan, details of which are being worked out.

Fire in Ships Belonging to Shipping Corporation of India

1694. SHRI L. GANESAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times fire broke out in the ships belonging to the Shipping Corporation of India during the last three years ;

(b) the detalis of each such incident and the reasons threefor ;

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered into these incidents; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of each enquiry and the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) 17 cases of fire have been reported during the last three years.

(b) to (d) Details are indicated in the attached statement.

Statement

Sl.No.	Details of incident	Findings of enquiry conducted and action taken
1	2	3
1	M. V. Chidambaram - A fire occurred in the crews accommodation on 30-6-1983 while on voyage from Nagapattanam to Madras. Cause of fire could not be established with certiainty but was probably due to electrical short circuiting. There was no loss of life or injury.	The preliminary inquiry was conducted by the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Madras. No further action considered necessary by DG (S).
2	M. V. Ramdas - Engine room fire reported while 50 nautical miles off Colombo. Fire due to bursting of auxiliary engine No. 3 in board fuel oil cartridge filter cover rubber ring resulting in impingement of fuel oil over turgocharger gas outlet manifold. There was no casuality.	Investigated by the attending Superintendent of SCI at Colombo. A cover plate has been installed between the filter housing the Turbocharger gas outlet manifold. Chief Engineer officer of other sister vessels were also informed to carry out the modification. No further action recommended.
3	M. V. Vishva Mohini-Fire broke out in the reefer cargo chamber. At the time of fire the hold was free of cargo. There was no causuality. The insulation of the refrigereated chamber was damaged.	An inquiry was conducted by the SCI's Calcutta office. However, the exact cause of the fire could not be ascertained. To prevent such fires, following measures were adopted : (a) Hatches to be kept closed when there was no cargo work or other necessary work inside the hatches. (b) Head Office permission to be taken before loading any chemical cargo in the refrigerated compartment.